

City of Santa Clara
INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Minutes of the January 8, 2008 meeting

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chair Peter Yoon, R. Rushton Hurley, Maria Jensen,
Eugene Mirabella, Yuki Ikezi
COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Mathre and Stahl (excused)
CITY STAFF: Dan Beerman, Staff Liaison
VISITORS: Andrew Ratermann (SCA), Debi Davis (SCA), and Spike
Standifer (Citizen)

Recommendation for Council Action – None.
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Chair Yoon called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M..

I. Roll Call

Mathre and Stahl excused.

II. CORRECTION/APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of December 4, 2007 were approved.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Limerick Ireland Sister City Request Consideration

As a result of educational exchange requests, Hurley met with John Hartnett, past public attendee representing Limerick. Representatives from Limerick will be traveling to San Jose in March 2008 and may visit Santa Clara residents, SCU and SCUSD at that time. School exchanges may take place before then.

Hurley moved to continue exploring community exchanges with Limerick with a goal of developing sustainable and vibrant activities between the two communities.
Jensen second. All in favor.

Commissioners discussed the challenges of an additional sister city and the affect on the SCA, as they have no additional resources at this time. Limericks resources, contacts and support base were reviewed and found to be substantial. Jensen pointed out that there was no “plan” from Limerick on a proposed relationship.

Mirabella moved to direct Hurley to:

1. Communicate with the Limerick team regarding resources, plans activities and funding for exchange possibilities, and;
2. Continue efforts on educational exchanges, and
3. Report back to the Commission

Ikezi second. All in favor.

B. Discuss Council Principles & Priorities for IEC

Staff reviewed the current Council Principles & Priorities that relate specifically to the Commission and reminded commissioners of the need to continue review of the program before changes are considered.

1. Surveys of Other Cities' Programs:

Hurley reviewed his surveys and discussed draft criteria for choosing sister cities and how they relate to Limerick and current sister cities. Further, more detailed discussion will take place at following meetings.

2. Program Objectives:

Commissioners discussed IEC objectives as they relate the Council's Principles & Priorities.

IV. REVIEW COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS

Commissioner	Action	Date Due
All	Visitor Gift Ideas	Open
Staff	Print bookmark gifts	2/05/08
Mirabella, Ikezi	Report on other Sister City programs	2/05/08
Hurley	Research Limerick Sister City issue	2/05/08

V. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 5, 2008 at 7 PM in the City Manager's Staff Conference Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Beerman, Recording Secretary